

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LITIGATION EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention is a comprehensive method of early warning of litigation
 that includes gathering data from internal and external sources and reviewing
 potential litigation issues from ^{the gathered data} said gathered data. The user may consult with outside
 counsel to obtain specialized assistance in selected issues. Based upon the data found,
 5 the user determines whether an issue justifies an Early Warning System Alert to the
 decision makers in the business. If issuing an Early Warning System Alert is
 justified, monitoring of follow-up action on the issue is performed. If an Early
 Warning System Alert is not justified, it is determined whether ^{the issue} said issue justifies an
 Emerging Issue Report, a warning device for risks of less significance. If justified,
 10 the Emerging Issue Report is issued and tracked. If litigation on an issue occurs, the
 response is done in a traditional litigation manner but risk assessment, within a pre-
 determined time frame and consideration of early dispute resolution is required for
 every matter. A computer program implementing the early warning method includes
 data searching systems and tracking and monitoring features of the early warning
 15 method. In addition the computer program permits the comprehensive early warning
 system to issue the Early Warning System Alert or the Emerging Issue Report.